Auto Thefts Top List of Campus Crime Statistics

By RAY GUZMAN
Staff Writer

Atuos and bicycles are disappearing at an alarming rate this year as thieves take advantage of the vulnerable parking facilities at Valley College.

Although 1977 is too young for statistics to be significant, four current auto thefts compare unfavorably with only two thefts as of this date last year.

Two of this year's stolen cars have since been recovered, said Wally Gudzus, captain of Valley security. One, a '72 Porsche, was recovered by North Hollywood police when they stopped the auto to issue a citation. The offenders were juveniles. The other car, a '63 Chevrolet, was found abandoned and stripped in Pacoima, said Gudzus.

The problem in dealing with these thefts lies in the manpower needed to patrol Valley's parking areas. There is legal parking for 4,700 cars. This figure does not represent the overflow onto streets adjacent to the college. "There just isn't enough manpower available to adequately patrol the area" said Gudzus, "although two additional security officers have been assigned to cover the parking lots." Not surprising is the fact that the thefts usually occur in the big lots (G&D).

Gudzus' advice for those who drive to school is "Hide everything, and make sure to lock your car and take the keys." He refers chiefly to visible CB's and portable stereo units.

Not as costly, but just as important for those who rely on them, are the bicycles and motorcycles stolen from Valley facilities. Since the beginning of the year no less than half a dozen bicycles have been reported stolen from their racks. Early this week two bicycles were stolen. One of the bicycles was chained to a bike rack on a parked car on College Row. The other was stolen near the Study Skills Center. Strong locks and chains are recommended as deterrents.

Also this week two cars were broken into in Parking Lot D and relieved of their stereo units, said Marvin Hopkins, security officer. Hopkins feels most of these burglaries are being committed by the same person or persons. So far, the LAPD apprehended in January, a 23-year-old suspect in connection with campus burglaries.

Adding to today's crime picture, a Honda 750, estimated at $1300, was stolen from the Administration Bldg. parking vicinity, said Hopkins. The unfortunate victim had no insurance, Hopkins added.

On the positive side, no vandalism or major robberies have occurred this year. Last year Valley suffered a rash of vandalism which ceased with the apprehension of two juveniles. The Learning Center suffered a costly burglary with the theft of audio-visual equipment during the Thanksgiving holiday.

Tighter security of that facility is expected when the center is moved to Campus Center. That move is expected by the end of February.

NEEDED IN MORE SERIOUS MATTERS—Bill Stevens, campus policeman, helps an unidentified victim of a fender bender unlock his bumper in one of Valley's parking lots. Campus police have recently stated a desire to increase their manpower in order to more successfully deal with increasing campus crime.
Valley Star Photo by Harry Fisher

'Demand' To Lift Student Funds From B of A—No!

By JOHN MILBURN
Staff Writer

A motion to "demand" that members of the administration immediately take action to remove Valley College funds from the "prejudicial and discriminatory" Bank of America, introduced by Mark Frydman, commissioner of Jewish ethnic studies, failed Tuesday in a stormy end to the Associated Students Council meeting.

We, the Associated Students at Valley College, hereby demand that "our administration"—President Alice Thurston, Fiscal Adviser Howard Fink, Dean Donald Brunet, and Mrs. Ruby Zuber, immediately take action to remove Valley College Student funds from the institution known as Bank of America.

Be it further resolved that by next week's (Feb. 22) meeting a referendum be submitted to Executive Council on the final decision whether this school will or will not remove its funds from the aforementioned prejudicial and discriminatory bank.

The motion was a further effort to obtain administrational decision to remove Valley's funds, which began last semester with a motion submitted by Jeff Sloane, then commissioner of Jewish ethnic studies, which read, "We the undersigned students ... move that Executive Council accept the resolution of moving the college's money from B of A to a bank that has remained non-partisan in regards to the Arab boycott or to a bank that does not participate in any discriminatory practices of any group."

The original motion passed by a vote of 17 to 1, after much controversy centering around finding a "suitable bank" to replace B of A, and gauging student mood on the issue.

Sloane opposed the current motion, stating that there was no need to make demands upon the administration that were, in effect, a "slap in the face," and would place them in a defensive position.

Frydman, in defense of his motion, co-authored by Ann Gaynor, commissioner of elections, said that if action were not taken by the end of the quarter, then the money would remain in B of A for the rest of the semester. This month's end marks the end of the quarter.

"Let's either take it out, or leave it," Frydman said, "and not pussyfoot around."

Ernie Spiegel, associated men's student president, attempted to have the motion amended to remove the word "demand" in favor of "request." This also failed.

Sloane argued that the motion was not necessary, citing that there would be a meeting with administration members "sometime next week" in which a final decision would be made.

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'Operation Investment' Warms Problem Students

Operation Investment in Learning is a new program at Valley College to help students with problems that might cause them to miss three or more meetings of a class.

Such students can now call the Warm Line at 782-1988. The line is open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., and on Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Dr. Alice Thurston, president of the college, underscored the purpose of the operation, saying, "It's our concern in protecting the investment of students in their education. Though this is a tuition-free college, students do have an investment in books, time, planning and family involvements that make their enrollment possible."

Attendance regulations call for the elimination of the names of students from class rosters, when they have more unexcused absences than the number of hours per week that the class meets. Exclusion rosters for this purpose are given to instructors every four weeks. However, students may be excused by their instructors.

Dr. Thurston suggests, "The way to protect one's investment is to stay in college."

Last semester one third of the students enrolled had either been dropped or voluntarily dropped out of classes by the fourth week which is called the census week.

There are special services designed to make the classroom experiences more complete and rewarding at Valley College. These include such units as Child Development Center, Financial Aids, Counseling, Career Guidance Center, Health Service, Learning Center, and Job Placement.

Through Operation Investment in Learning, drop-out students can drop in at one of the services or drop a line at the Warm Line.

WHAT GOES DOWN, MUST COME UP

New Budget Heats Coffee Price

By JIM BOLAND
City Editor

Coffee prices have been rolled back to 15 cents—but not for long.

Donald Brunet, dean of administrative services, stated that prices will again be hiked following an extensive breakdown of wholesale prices and the costs incurred for Cafeteria overhead.

Apparently, the fundamental cause for much of the confusion regarding coffee prices is Valley's new budget system.

Zero-based budgeting, Valley's new economic system, calls for a tremendous amount of planning by the administration, and in this task they are aided by the billing agencies who eventually receive payment. For example utility companies will submit proposed cost increases in order to assist the budgeting factions in allocating, as precisely as possible, the amount required for the fiscal year.

This preciseness is necessary because zero-based budgets require each dollar to be accounted for to its allocation.

Therefore food prices become extremely difficult to gauge because unforeseeable reasons for price hikes can arise (i.e. coffee prices have increased due to an unusually cold Brazillian season).

Brunet stated that another consideration that has to be considered is that the cafeteria has peak seasons and slow times. This amplifies the problem since the cafeteria must be budgeted for an entire fiscal year.

Funds from the cafeteria also pay for construction of new satellites as well as remodeling of the existing facilities.

Circumstances have since arisen where construction of another food satellite has been deemed necessary due to the building of the swimming pool.

Since the pool will be located between the Men's and Women's Gym (where currently no satellite exists) it is expected to increase the student populous in that area. Therefore one will be built for that area.

So while coffee prices are the most immediate to be reviewed, the situation expands much further.

Enrollment at Valley Experiencing Tailspin

Enrollment has dipped significantly at Valley College as well as the whole Los Angeles Community College district for the first time ever, according to Assistant Dean of Admissions and Guidance, John Lee.

The 7.9 percent enrollment drop at the Community College level has left administrators "in a state of panic," but Lee pointed out that they shouldn't be. Instead, he delineated measures which, taken together, will form ways to attack the drop.

Among the problems Lee mentioned is that, "We (Valley College) have gotten so big, so impersonal that the attrition rate, 20 to 30 percent, has been occuring traditionally." Other problems Lee mentioned included the decrease in population that Valley serves, and the fact that GI benefits ran out last June for all veterans who served in the military prior to the Vietnam War.

Another reason enrollment is down, according to Lee, is that 80 percent of Valley's students have some kind of employment and some find that the work load gets too heavy and therefore they drop out. Also mentioned by Lee was the fact that at the time of each enrollment some 3,000 to 4,000 apply for enrollment appointments and then never come back. Then there are the people who come, "just to give it a try and then give up," Lee added.

While Lee does expect the enrollment number to steady itself in the future, a couple of programs are already being formed to try to slow down the enrollment dip and keep the students in school. One is a student retention committee whose purpose is planning action to see about retaining students.

This committee currently consists of 12 people, including one student representative. A student "Warm Line" manned by student supervisors is also being set up. This would be a direct telephone line to the school and it will encourage the student who doesn't show up for class the opportunity to call in to give his or her reason for being absent from class.

If valid, the teacher can be notified and thus not exclude a student from class. The line can also be used by the student who is in need of help in a certain course.

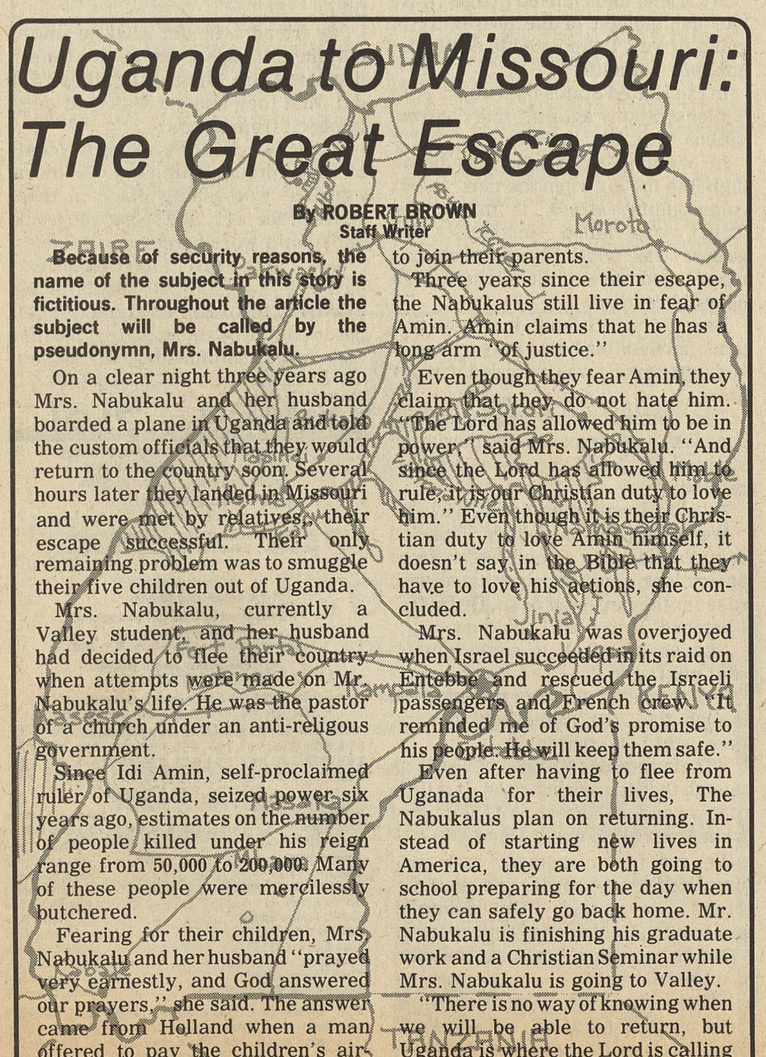
Trustees Adopt New Plan for CC System

Life styles, population, technology, working conditions, and government controls are five of the major changes in a state level plan adopted by the Board of Governors of California's 104 Community Colleges, through 1982.

The adoption of the plan follows months of preparation and revision by the Chancellors staff and a special state-wide task force headed by former Board Chairman, King Durkee, Elizabeth Manning Deedy, and Mr. Charles McIntrye, Director of Analytical Studies.

Specifically, the plan recommends: 1. Continuance of California's open door policy with equal access and diversity of programs. 2. Removal of restrictions to innovation through legislation. 3. Eventual complete removal of outmoded community college calendars in favor of flexible course scheduling. 4. Development of new ways to meet the specific needs of individuals who are not served through traditional instructional methods. 5. Greater reliance on "mastery learning," where by course materials are studied in sequence by students who work at their own pace and master each unit before progressing to the next. 6. State initiated incentives to enhance program coordination with the University of California and the California State University and Colleges. 7. New methods of evaluating student performance including variable credit, credit for prior experience, and credit by examination.

Uganda to Missouri: The Great Escape



By ROBERT BROWN
Staff Writer

Because of security reasons, the name of the subject in this story is fictitious. Throughout the article the subject will be called by the pseudonymn, Mrs. Nabukalu.

On a clear night three years ago Mrs. Nabukalu and her husband boarded a plane in Uganda and told the custom officials that they would return to the country soon. Several hours later they landed in Missouri and were met by relatives, their escape successful. Their only remaining problem was to smuggle their five children out of Uganda.

Mrs. Nabukalu, currently a Valley student, and her husband had decided to flee their country when attempts were made on Mr. Nabukalu's life. He was the pastor of a church under an anti-religous government.

Since Idi Amin, self-proclaimed ruler of Uganda, seized power six years ago, estimates on the number of people killed under his reign range from 50,000 to 200,000. Many of these people were mercilessly butchered.

Fearing for their children, Mrs. Nabukalu and her husband "prayed very earnestly, and God answered our prayers," she said. The answer came from Holland when a man offered to pay the children's airfare. One by one, the children were smuggled out of Uganda by friends to join their parents.

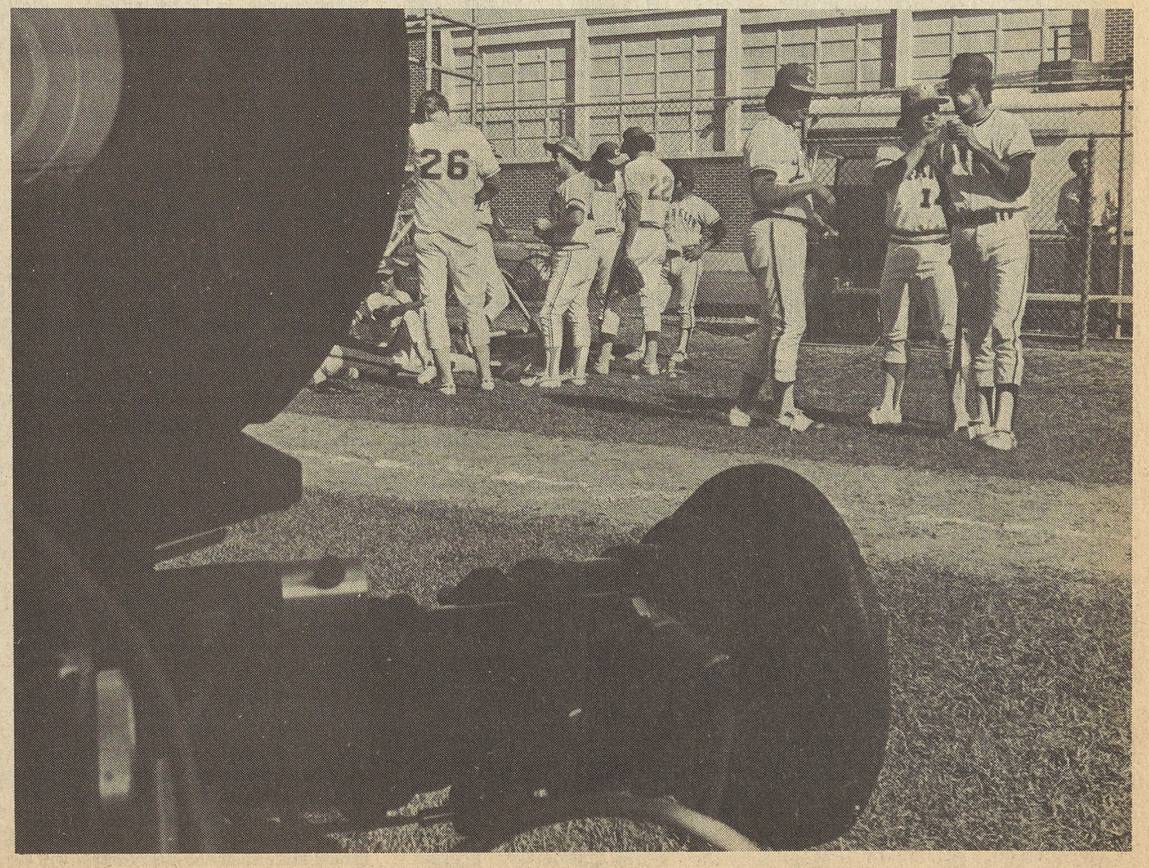
Three years since their escape, the Nabukalus still live in fear of Amin. Amin claims that he has a long arm "of justice."

Even though they fear Amin, they claim that they do not hate him. "The Lord has allowed him to be in power," said Mrs. Nabukalu. "And since the Lord has allowed him to rule, it is our Christian duty to love him." Even though it is their Christian duty to love Amin himself, it doesn't say in the Bible that they have to love his actions, she concluded.

Mrs. Nabukalu was overjoyed when Israel succeeded in its raid on Entebbe and rescued the Israeli passengers and French crew. It reminded me of God's promise to his people. He will keep them safe."

Even after having to flee from Uganada for their lives, The Nabukalus plan on returning. Instead of starting new lives in America, they are both going to school preparing for the day when they can safely go back home. Mr. Nabukalu is finishing his graduate work and a Christian Seminar while Mrs. Nabukalu is going to Valley.

"There is no way of knowing when we will be able to return, but Uganda is where the Lord is calling us. It is our home. It is where we belong," Mrs. Kabukalu said.



YOU'RE GONNA BE IN PICTURES—Valley College's baseball team takes a brief pause during the filming of a movie last Tuesday at Grant High School.
Valley Star Photo by Harry Fisher

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STAR EDITORIAL

Double-Talk Clouds Issue

It seems that pragmatism is going to win over morality in the matter of removing Valley funds from Bank of America, despite last semester's decision by Associated Student Council to change banks due to B of A's involvement in the Arab boycott of Israeli and American businesses.

And where Harold Fink, fiscal adviser, and Dr. Alice Thurston, president of the college, once favored the move, they have done a quick two-step in reversing their original encouragement of backing A.S.'s decision.

Thurston now questions the necessity of removing the funds due to B of A's apparent adherence to state legislation restricting California banks' complicity with the Arab boycott.

She seems to have changed her position since she agreed with council's decision to remove funds ("I think it is good, proper, and right"). The state bill had already passed making it illegal for any bank to support the Arab boycott, although it was not to become effective until January '77.

When asked about a recent Los Angeles Times article of January 28 which outlined how B of A has been quietly trying to change the legislation to avoid complying with its stringent rules, she responded, "Well, that puts a different light on it."

Fink, who apparently gave Steve Manuels, A.S. president, the impression that Santa Clarita Bank, voted by council as an acceptable alternative to B of A, had equivalent services except for the distance factor, now states that no bank offers services as good as B of A.

He further asserts that because of the new semester workload he has been unable to collect some of the necessary statistical information regarding a possible bank change.

Yet, back in October '76, Fink was in the process of negotiating with Union Bank, another alternative bank chosen by council, and he stated at that time: "I feel that in the long run students will probably come out ahead economically and morally from the move."

Fink's concerns these days are strictly practical. He is concerned that if the district, as predicted, takes over co-curricular activities at Valley in supposedly six months, (which means the bulk of Valley's monies will be placed under district control), he will have to do a double load of paperwork if funds are removed now.

When asked about the funds which would not be affected by the possible district takeover, Fink said, "Then there would be a whole different way of looking at the situation financially."

When further questioned if he was doing anything in preparation for the district move, Fink said he would wait until that happened.

Yet, part of his rationale for not wanting to move funds is based on the predicted district takeover.

Thurston is worried about the loss of B of A scholarships to Valley students and locations that B of A offers to Valley, for free, for off-campus credit classes. General feeling is that if Valley is not going to retain funds in B of A due to a moral stand, they should not have ties with them at all.

And yet no one, Thurston, Fink, or Manuels, has done any research to see if other banks would offer equivalent scholarships or would offer Valley free space for off-campus classes.

According to the fiscal adviser, any transition must be finalized by the end of February. Funds have to be moved by the beginning of a new quarter.

Manuels plans to run a student survey to gauge student reaction concerning a change of banks, a move he feels is needed to keep the administration from totally closing the doors on removal of funds.

By the time Manuels takes his survey, compiles the results, presents it to Thurston, the month of February will be over, and any action will have to wait until the next quarter.

So. Everyone encouraged the motion when it was passed three and a half months ago because of the bank's discriminatory policies.

Fink has now decided to advise against the proposed removal, and, although he says he is looking out for the students' interests, the emphasis of his concern seems to be on the amount of work he will have to do if a transition takes place.

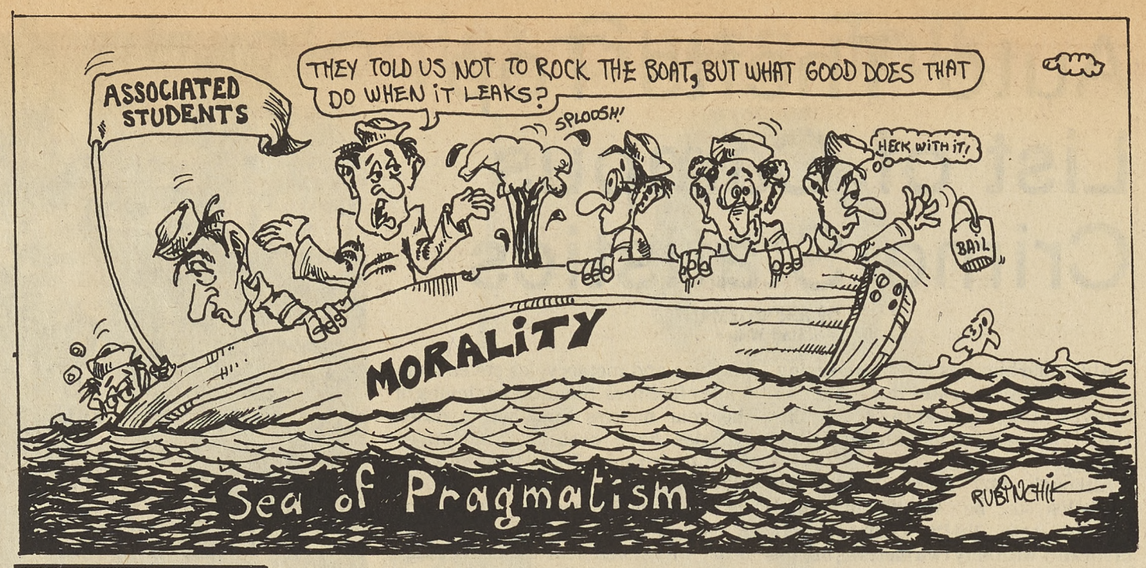
Thurston even wonders if there's an issue any more.

According to Jeff Sloane, A.S. vice-president, he and Manuels are going to arrange a meeting with the president of the college next week to demand a decision on her part concerning changing banks.

Star urges Thurston to remember why the motion to remove the funds was originally passed: not because of pragmatic considerations, but because the students of Valley College strongly believed that B of A's interests did not coincide with theirs.

And according to the L.A. Times, B of A is trying to dodge the morality of the boycott legislation.

Indeed, it will be another blow against humanity if Thurston sides with Fink against the students' expressed sense of morality.



FEATURE THIS

Beals, 'Grandmother of the Year,' Works for Better Communication

By HELENE KASS
Feature Editor

At an age when many people are looking forward to the leisure of retirement, Ginni Beals, 61, is discovering the excitement of college involvement.

For the second time, Beals has been honored by Associated Students Council for her many contributions to Valley College. She was recently awarded the A.S. President's Award, an honor which, like the Grandmother of the Year Award she received last year, shows the great appreciation the council has for her outstanding service and involvement.

"My main emphasis at Valley," Beals related, "has been to improve communication and understanding among students, and between students and teachers."

Working toward this goal, Beals ran for, and was elected to, the post of commissioner of public relations, an office she held for two semesters.

"I celebrated my 60th birthday by attending my first A.S. meeting as an elected official," she recalled.

Seeing the need for a single publication to acquaint new, as well as continuing students, with the many programs and services on campus, Beals spent more than 255 hours compiling a 12-page brochure, "Find Your Way and Yourself at Valley."

Although not distributed as widely as she had hoped, the publication was a ready-reference for information on everything from health services to financial aid.

Beals was also responsible for compiling the '76-'77 Monarch Handbook, an expanded and detailed school manual.

Presently, she is putting the finishing touches on a booklet intended to acquaint the general public with what is offered on campus.

Besides carrying a full 15 units, Beals volunteers much of her time in the Learning Center speech lab, working with students seeking to improve their manner of speaking. Under the direction of Frances C. Economides, director of the speech lab, Beals gives individual attention to foreign students, the handicapped, and even broadcasting and theater arts majors.

"When they improve, they're so happy," she remarked. "We both feel happy about it!"

A mother of two and grandmother of seven, Beals plans to go on to CSUN after another year at Valley. Her future goal is to go into the field of public relations.

Her age, she feels, will not be a problem, because "there are many institutions and organizations with a need for someone to compile and distribute information, and I can always free-lance."

Returning to school, after raising a family and working as a private duty nurse, has changed Beals' life in many positive ways.

"I'm more comfortable with myself," she admitted. "I'm more assertive, and I think more about myself. Though I say "yes" more often than "no," I've learned to say 'no' without feeling guilty."

What advice does Beals offer to other senior citizens?

"If you keep active and interested, you'll always feel young and be accepted as young. Age is not chronological; it's what you bring to life."

Judging from Ginni Beals' life today, she will always be young.

RAMBLINGS

Vietnam Draft Resisters; 'I Want Them All Home'

DAVID GREENWALD
Editor-in-Chief

My friend began to cry.

He did so without uttering a sound. As we talked a tear crept slowly down his face, but our conversation continued.

It frightened me a little. I was not used to such situations, but our conversation continued.

We were discussing the possibility of amnesty for all those who had fled the war in Vietnam.

It was the day before President Carter issued a pardon to those who had refused to fight.

As we talked I realized how easily one could speak from a position of comfort, of distance.

I had never been in the Army. The draft ended not long after I turned 18. How smug one could become when one is not faced with such decisions.

My friend had enlisted at age 17. He had not thought of the possibility of going to war. He enlisted to escape an unhappy homelife.

In the United States I participated in demonstrations against, and confrontations with, the "hawks."

In Vietnam my friend was blown high into the air when the tank he was commanding struck a mine. The driver was killed, instantly. The gunner was nothing more then raw meat layed bare to the elements, but he still breathed.

Because my friend, in fright and panic, pulled this living corpse from a burning tank he was awarded a Silver Star.

The commendation has long ago been lost, but the scars of the burns and shrapnel are an ever-present reminder.

As my friend remembered, he wept.

We talked in a rather lopsided conversation. My friend began from an unclear point and continued with ease for the next hour or so. He talked, I listened. It was all I could do.

"I want them all to come home," said my friend.

"They are as those in prison, even though they don't live behind bars, their world is a prison.

"Their families are cut off. It is as though they too are in prison. It is time that we ended the horror of Vietnam. I want them all to come home."

We sat for a moment and contemplated those words, and then my friend continued. He stopped scratching pictures on a white piece of paper he had before him and continued in total solemnity.

"They have to pay some price, some form of remuneration. For them to come back without paying a price, to me, would be a terrible kick in the head.

"Perhaps I am wrong in this. Perhaps they were much braver then I, or I much more foolish then they. I know it has no logical basis, but . . .I don't know."

He hung his head for a moment.

"When I stepped on the plane to come home I left Vietnam behind, but, I look at the hole in my arm and the scars on my back . . .I have never left the war.

"I don't want to see these men in prison any longer. I want them to come home. If only a handful are allowed, then that is a good start. It is that many more than were able to come home before.

"Still, there should be something that they could do. It is selfish of them to refuse the offer, if given, because they are so proud of what they did that they need to make no apologies.

"If they would only swallow some of that pride and come home."

The conversation went on, seesawing back and forth between forgiveness and hurt at what my friend saw as injustice on both sides.

Though he isn't sure of his feelings, for day to day they change on the subject of penance, he is sure of one thing.

My friend, who did what he saw as his duty, though even at the time it disgusted him, wants to see those who did what they thought was their duty, released from prison.

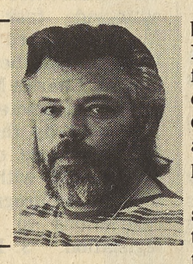
I had always been a strong advocate of unconditional amnesty. A moral injustice was taking place in those years of the war, and those who would not submit were heroes in my eyes.

Now I am unsure. I have experienced a little, a very minute portion of that war from the other side, and now it is not so easy to be smug, and my position is no longer comfortable, nor distant.

INTROSPECT

Political Practices Mean Middle Class Oppression

ARCHIE CAMPBELL
Staff Writer



A true long-lasting revolution never comes from the young radicals. As one great philosopher once said: "It comes from the oppressed middle-class—and out of the muzzle of a gun." And that's what the Kiritsis-Hall incident is all about.

Richard O. Hall is a director of a mortgage company that lent Anthony G. Kiritsis $130,000 to buy 17 acres of land on which Kiritsis planned to build a shopping center. Kiritsis claimed he was swindled.

Kiritsis demanded and was granted release from the loan and a public apology from Hall's mortgage company, and he was promised complete immunity from prosecution.

Hall may be entirely within his bourgeois legal rights in foreclosing Kiritsis. But that didn't quell the feeling Kiritsis must have felt in the pit of his stomach as he saw his life going down the tubes, or when he tied a wire around Hall's neck and threatened to pull the trigger.

The Marion, Ind. county Sheriff said: "I would have promised him the title to Hawaii if I could have gotten that guy (Hall) out of there." The point is, of course, is that Kiritsis wouldn't have believed him. He did believe, however, that he would receive complete immunity from prosecution.

That turned out to be a total lie!

"We had to placate him," Mayor William H. Hudnut said, which is another fancy name for lying in governmental-Nixonese terms.

It's one thing to mess over Hippies, the Blacks, the Chicanos and the radical students. But it's quite something else again to pull the plug on a middle-class American. Messing over the majority doesn't mean cutting off the welfare, or the unemployment checks, or not giving them a voice in the political process. But it does mean hitting them right in their pocketbooks, and that is where it hurts the most. And, if enough people are hit, something's got to give.

There is a tendency in these cases to blame the police, but they are just doing what everyone else is doing—putting together a paycheck and trying to keep their families going.

No, the credibility of the politicians sets the pace.

"There was never any intention on the part of the prosecutor to honor those terms," George Martz, deputy county prosecutor said at a news conference.

Will it take a full scale middle-class revolution before they wake up? A blow in the mid-section is the most painful of all.

The DA said: "He didn't keep his end of the bargain by not releasing Hall right away." Would prosecutor Kelly have granted the immunity if Kiritsis had released Hall right away?

Kiritsis may do time for his "crime" of striking a blow against the land barons. But his trial and subsequent sentence—and there will be one—should serve as a reminder to all Americans. The forces of protection and freedom can quickly become the oppression of tyranny. Listen, people—Kiritsis had something to say.

LETTERS TO THE STAR

Solutions Sought for Traffic Problems

Editor,

The first day of classes, Monday, January 31 and the hassle of traffic backed up along Fulton Avenue is becoming unbearable. Parking a car on campus is a matter of shattered nerves, circling to find a space, and being late for class. We must look at the fact that every year there are more students, more cars, and the same number of spaces.

Suggestion: Along Burbank Boulevard and Oxnard Street, Valley College should place markers beside the bus stops. Students waiting there could easily be recognized by other students driving by. Students could show their ID cards to identify themselves. If we could put some kind of reasonable plan like this into operation, perhaps we could eliminate the current overflow of surplus cars aimlessly hunting for a non-existant parking space.

Students reply: Yes, I could like the system.

Why not take a poll and find out if it would be feasible?

Barbra Irwin

Editor.

Please correct two inaccuracies made in your paper of Feb. 10.

1. My name is Isidor Zwirin, not Isidora Zwirin.

2. The statement made that I was denied entry in a class taught by Roy Beaumont due to a "personality conflict" is absolutely false. Beaumont would readily admit in any open inquiry, that ours is a battle of books, or philosophies, or religions. In every age and generation, our Torah has been attacked, and rightfully so.

However, when it is attacked, students should have the right to defend the truths of its faith and eternal religion.

Hopefully you will acknowledge these statements in your next issue.

Thank you,

Isidor Zwirin

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Editor,

Being a Christian, I was as appalled by the tactless and derisive presentation of the "Jews for Jesus" group as the Jews of this campus. That the members of two of the world's great religions, praying to the same God and one having its roots in the other, are at such odds with each other must be a source of amusement to the atheist and agnostic student. I apologize to those of the Jewish faith for the affrontiveness of fellow Christians and ask your joint forgiveness.

Brad Sydow

LETTERS

The Valley Star is happy to receive and publish letters from Valley College students and citizens of the surrounding community.

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What's Happening

Women in Non-Traditional Careers

Women artists and women in non-traditional careers are invited to participate in the S-HE center's women's awareness celebration during the week of March 7-11. For further information students should phone ext. 264.

ASO Achievement Award

Applications for ASO achievement awards will be available in the Financial Aids office, CC4, starting Feb. 17. March 11 is the final deadline to turn in the applications.

Relate to God

"Can a modern person have a personal relationship with God? will be the topic of a Hillel presentation today in F1 111 at 11 a.m. Guest speaker will be Rabbi Elliot Dorf from the University of Judaism.

S-HE Development Groups

Personal development groups are being started this month in the S-HE Center, CC 108. The groups include assertion training, body awareness, women's sexuality, and men's and women's consciousness raising. The groups will meet once a week. All interested individuals should contact Synthia Saltaun at ext. 264.

Can You Cope?

In order to increase self-understanding, coping groups are now being formed in which students share feelings of mutual personal concern. Interested students should contact Mike Saluzzi at the counseling office, ext. 267.

Honor Society

Students with at least a 3.2 average and who are carrying 12 units are now eligible to join Tae Alpha Epsilon, Valley's honor society. Meetings are held every Thursday at 11 a.m. in CC 206, beginning today.

Program To Expand Student Aid Announced by Chancellor

By DERALENE EBNER
Staff Writer

The Los Angeles Community College District Board of Trustees will receive from the city and county of Los Angeles funds totaling $98,306 to develop and operate a training program for staff and volunteers of agencies that serve senior citizens.

Personnel of agencies that will receive training include the City and County Area Agencies on Aging, the County Department of Aging, and various social service agencies and committees of advisory groups on aging.

The training program is being developed to update the quality of service and performance by the staff and volunteers of federally funded programs. The exact amount of funds that Valley College will receive has not been established.

Training will be conducted at selected agencies and on campus. It will focus on communication skills, volunteer management, the role of advisory groups and advocacy programs for seniors. There will be credit courses, non-credit community services classes, and workshops.

CCD To Receive Funds Earmarked for Seniors

"Investment in Learning," a program designed to expand the current student aid programs is now under way according to Dr. Leslie Koltai, LACCD chancellor.

The program is being implemented district wide and will allocate more money to the various programs which are already in progress.

The programs which will receive more money include the Counseling and Guidance department which aids students in selecting a major.

Vocational rehabilitation is also being expanded for physically and emotionally handicapped students.

Basic Education Opportunity Grants will receive district aid as will the employment services which maintain free placement for students.

Non-Native English Speakers To Receive Language Tutoring

A pilot project is underway at Valley College for students whose native language is not English. The project is special tutoring for English as a second language.

Headed by Noel Korn, coordinator of the Learning Center the program is being spearheaded by Hector Verdugo.

"The project is going just about as plannedd, said Verdugo. "The anticipated goal is about 30 to 35 people who need tutoring. So far we have 22."

Of the 22 students, 21 are students with Spanish surnames.

There are currently four full time tutors and two part time. Most of the tutors are bilingual, although that is not a prerequisit. The tutors must be good in English and sensitive to the special needs of the ESL student.

There is an anticipated need for night tutors. As of yet there is not a problem, but there is a strong possibility that it will arise.

Tutoring is available from 9 a.m. untill 4 p.m. daily in the Learning Center. For more information interested students should contact Hector Verdugo on extension 407.

Star Seeks Student Aid

Star requests that any person who has utilized the services of the Legal Aid Center please contact the paper. In an attempt to accumulate information for a story being done on the center, it is necessary to conduct interviews with people who have had the need to seek legal services. If interested in providing Star with such information, please contact John Milburn in Business/-Journalism 114 or call 781-1200 ext. 276.

Career Series To Commence

Valley College's Center for New Directions, located in B-36, is now offering "Career Development," a special series of four one-day workshops designed to look at what is involved in women moving into positions of management.

The workshops will be held on four Saturdays, Feb. 19, March 5, March 19, and April 2 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The workshops are independent of one another; any or all may be attended. They Are:

1. Designing the management role to optimize use of each person's unique skills.
2. Communicating assertively listening accurately, managing conflict constructively.
3. Getting through the invisible barrier, building support networks and using power effectively.
4. Laying out an action plan for personal career development.

Enrollment and further information can be obtained by calling the center's office at 785-3955 or 785-9171.

B of A . . .

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Further debate between Sloane and Frydman continued after council adjourned.

"The moral issue here still takes priority," Sloane said. "But I know what problems the administration faces," citing a possible loss of B of A scholarships, the cost of printing new checks, and possible loss of BankAmericards.

Sloane said we couln't just "bull our way through," and that he desired a smooth relationship between council and the administration.

Frydman responded, saying that a bank that issued scholarships solely on the basis of whose funds they held, was not much of a bank.

"I just wanted to speed up this process," said Frydman said. "I reacted strongly and harshly because too much time has elapsed."

Sloane said that if next week's meeting didn't result in a decision, then a motion like Frydman's might be in order, but we should "wait and see" until then.

"I certainly don't advocate storming the administration," said Sloane, "if no decision is made, but certainly we may have to use other means."

Frydman, on the other hand, said "If we can't take it out through channels, then we'll raise hell on campus. I'll go to jail over this."

Spring Blood Drive Goal Set; 450 Pints Needed

By WILLETA GRADY
Staff Writer

Love is only skin-deep, but a pint of blood is the most previous gift of all.

Mary Shih, commissioner of women's athletics and co-chairperson of the spring blood drive, and Willetta Grady, Red Cross College and University Council corresponding secretary, announced March 14, 15, and 16 as the dates of the drive.

"Last semester we collected a total of 448 pints," said Shih. "Hopefully we will surpass our goal of 450 pints for this semester."

Volunteers are being sought to help with the various stages of producing a successful blood drive. Students are welcome to talk to either chairpersons in the student government office located in Campus Center 102.

"As a tradition for each blood drive," said Shih, "all clubs are invited to join in the competition to recruit and donate the most amount of blood."

A plaque is awarded to the winning club. During the last blood drive the Ski Lions won with a total of 81 pints; Anthropology Club came in second; Student Nurses Association of California (SNAC) took third place.

During the next month volunteers will be talking to classes and clubs encouraging fellow students to give one pint of blood.

In the discussions volunteers will tell the importance of what different blood components do and who benefits from them. They will also talk about what happens from the time students walk in the door until the time they leave the donation area. Donation time usually takes only 20 minutes.

The bloodmobile will be on campus the following times: Monday through Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and Wednesday from 3:30 to 8 p.m.

As an added "thank you" for those students who come to donate, door prizes and freebies will be given.

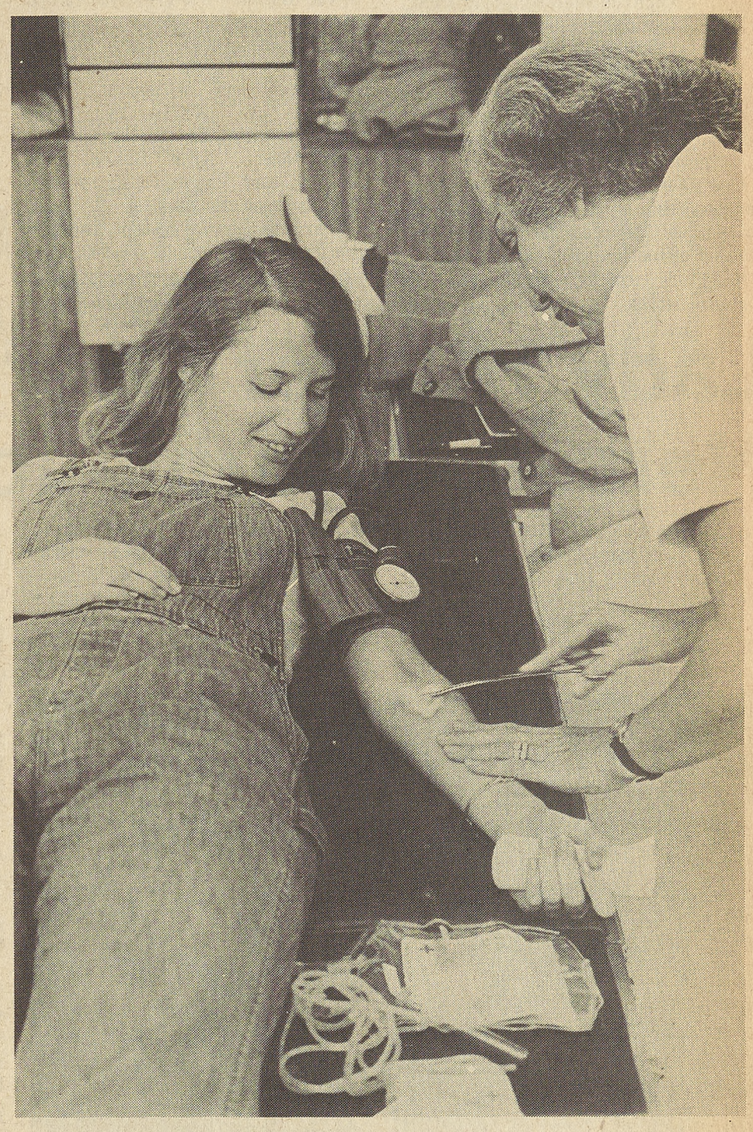
At club day there will be a booth across from the Red Cross for sign-ups and information. Students are welcome to talk to Red Cross personnel and student volunteers.

A volunteers meeting will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 22 at 3 p.m. in Campus Center Conference Room 104. Students are welcome to attend.

Red Cross is furnishing films on different aspects of blood on March 2 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m. in Monarch Hall.

Valley College is a member of the Red Cross College and University Blood Program Council which is comprised of 60 college and universities in the Southern California region.

Workshops and meetings are conducted by the council to help college produce better and more successful blood drives. Ideas and new concepts are shared by the members in these workshops.



NOW THAT DIDN'T HURT—Valley College student Kathy Ferguson didn't seem to mind at all when the bi-annual ordeal of letting blood was over last semester. The Blood Mobile will return to Valley's campus March 14-16 to collect the previous fluid. Valley Star Photo by Barry Slobin

Placement Office

Besides directing students to potential employers, the Valley College Placement Bureau provides comprehensive services ranging from tutorial assistance to vocational information and counseling. The office is located in Room 116 in the Campus Center and is open daily from 9-12 and 2-4 p.m. as well at 6-9 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

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Spikers Look To Make Tracks on Metro Foes

By RAY RICHMOND
Sports Editor

If you're Valley head track coach Paul Passno, it's time to forget about the past and start looking toward the future.

Passno will try to turn around a track program that hasn't won a meet in three seasons beginning tomorrow at 2 p.m. when the Monarchs open their '77 track campaign against arch-rival Pierce on Valley's home track.

"I know we'll be much improved, but that isn't saying much," said Coach Passno. "It's hard to say so early, without any meets under our belt, but I anticipate a very good team."

One new twist in jaycee track this season is that all events, excluding the relays, will be measured by meters instead of feet, inches, and yards.

Sprinters (100, 200, and 400 meters) include Rock Richmond, Reggie Kellough, Wyatt Henderson, Shelton Tryon, Anthony Wells, and Michael Lindsey.

On the hurdles, Phil Leake and Jerry Lindstrom will handle the high's, while Vern Ogle, Jim Peplow, Todd Bassman, Anthony Joseph, and Robert Hodge will try their luck on the intermediates.

In the distance events, runners are comprised almost solely of cross country competitors. They include Louis Silva, Kevin Burkin, Ron Novotony, Terry Wainscott, Brad Croad, Tom Moriarity, Tom Babiracki, Adam Messer, Marty Orta, Mario Solano, Ajim Baksh, Jim Courtney, and Virginia Lantry (the only female on the squad).

Under the metric system, the distance events will include the 800, 1500, 3,000, and 5,000 meters. Steve McKenna will be the squad's only 800 meter man.

In the field events, long and triple jumpers include Richmond, Clarence Davis, Robert Hodge, Tony Brown, Henderson, and Kellough. Pole Vaulters are Howard Kwasman (a former cross country man) and Charles DeMarco, while Tony Brown is at the moment the team's only high jumper.

Leading the parade of shot putters and discus throwers are Vic Vasu, Robert Ellis, Willie Smith, Leroy Shelley, and J. Tokatlian. Chris Santor will throw the javelin.

Passno's coaching staff is Brick Durley (weight coach, javelin, discus, shot), James Harvey (sprints, hurdles), Mike Wagenbach (400 meters), Mark Colvert (distances), Tim Napin (pole vaulters), and Passno himself handling the long, triple, and high jumpers.

A CHORUS LINE—Valley's women's gymnastics team celebrates after last week's wins over Pierce and San Diego City Colleges. Left to right—Jeri Barton, Elise Rodriguez, Andrea Novell, Judy Toffel, Laura Koehler, Lisa Blough, Robin Berns.

Valley Star Photo by Allan Adler

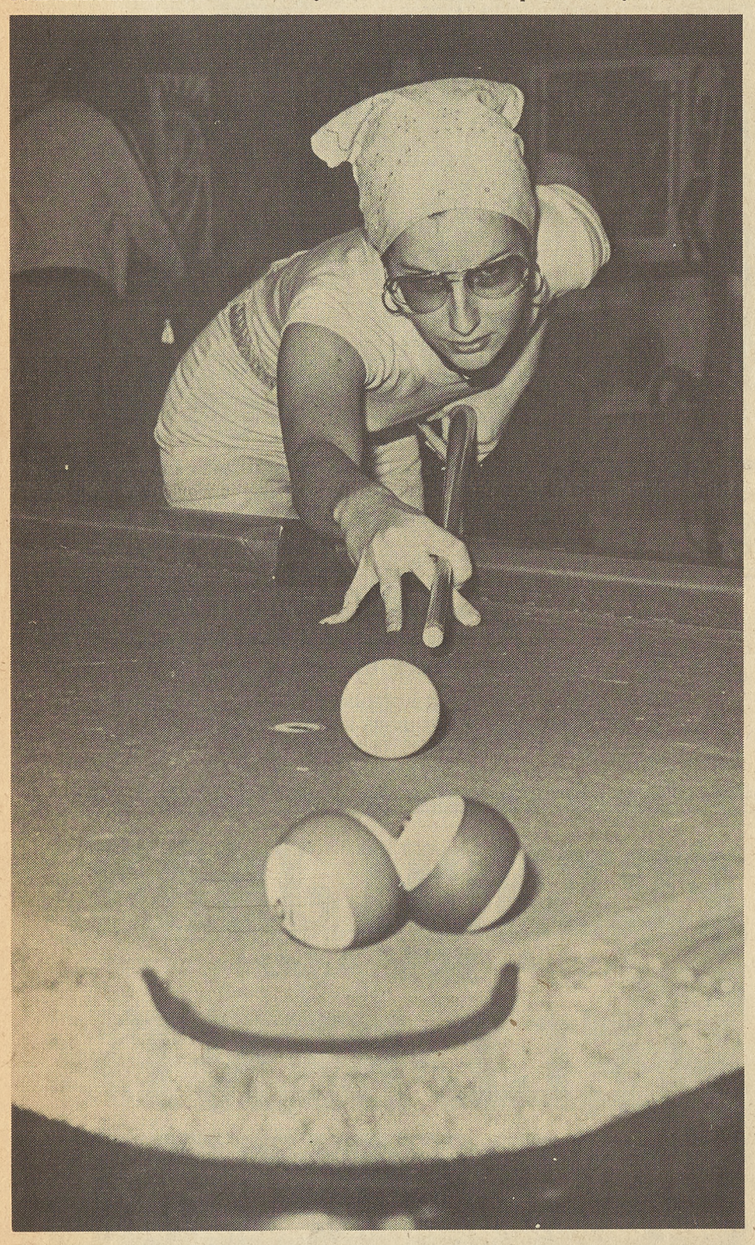
Lady Hustler Overcomes Nerves, Arthritis to Win

By RAY RICHMOND
Sports Editor

It was a script that ranks right up there with Hollywood's best.

The question on the table at last Thursday's Rec Room Women's Pool Tournament finals was: Can a 20-year-old chain-smoking, coke-drinking, nervously-trembling arthritis victim hope to find happiness and achieve success as a self-proclaimed Great White Hope?

Kim Wyenn, the lady of the day, had won her two preliminary matches to reach the final round of four contestants out of the original field of 16.



ON CUE—Women's pool champion Kim Wyenn takes aim in preparation for a difficult shot. Wyenn won last Thursday's Rec Room Women's Pool Tourney despite nervousness, arthritis, and emotions. Valley Star Photo by Allan Adler

Wyenn's first opponent this fateful afternoon in the semi-finals was Rochelle Robinson, a highly talented Black player. Concentrating well and shooting skillfully, Wyenn disposed of her in the best two-out-of-three, 2-zip.

Another talented Black, Melanie Hubbard, posed the last challenge for the handicapped Wyenn. Hubbard was defeated in two straight as well, and Wyenn was champion.

"I've never won anything in my life! I'm so excited!" exclaimed an emotional Wyenn after the match. "I didn't think I could stand my own nervousness, but I calmed down a little for the finals."

Although she has been playing pool for eight years, Wyenn admitted she was out of shape, and hadn't played in six weeks. But she got the job done, with her unorthodox style (she's right handed, but shoots with her left hand due to arthritis).

Wyenn received a first place trophy, and congratulations from Rec Room Supervisor John Stark.

Stark, when asked to comment on the tournament, said, "This was nothing but another great tournament. Everything went perfect, and the girls were quite competitive."

Wyenn, Robinson, Hubbard, and Michelle Kingsberry, by finishing in the final four, all qualified for the Superstars Tournament in May.

Today is the final day of competition in the Rec Room for the Foozball Tournament. Action starts at 11 a.m.

Women's Swimming Schedule

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Mar. 3	East Los Angeles	East L.A.	1:00
Mar. 10	East Los Angeles	East L.A.	3:00
Mar. 15	Ventura	Ventura	3:00
Mar. 24	Santa Monica	Santa Monica	3:00
Mar. 31	Mt. San Antonio	Mt. SAC	3:00
Apr. 14	Bakersfield	Bakersfield	3:00
Apr. 21	Pasadena	Pasadena	3:00

Valley Star Sports

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Star Stumpers

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3. Which team is the winningest at Valley?
4. Who is the starting quarterback of the L.A. Rams?
5. What Los Angeles Laker is known as Dr. J?
6. Who is the queen of women's professional tennis?
7. What is the only thing in the world uglier than a female East German shot putter?
8. Which National Hockey League franchise is on the verge of financial collapse and extinction?
9. What NFL coach almost got thrown to the Lions?
10. What NBA player lights up the court with just his mere presence?

ANSWERS—1. Abe Gibron, Tampa Bay (weighs 350 pounds)—2. Bernie Carbo, Boston Red Sox)—3. The new ice hockey team!—(they're 4-0)—4. Jaropa Harjaha (alias the Black Polish Trojan)—5. Coach Jerry West (hopes to heal the (Kermit) Washington Monument)—6. D.: Renee Richards—7. Nothing—8. the Cleveland (Red) Barons—9. Chuck Knox of the Rams (Detroit)—10. Don (Slick) Watts.

Inexperience Can't Stop Woman Netters

Inexperience.

That's the one word that best describes Valley's women's tennis regiment as they prepare for their season opening match next Wednesday at 2 p.m. when they travel to Pierce.

The squad has only one returning sophomore athlete, along with 11 enthusiastic freshmen, as they enter regular season play.

"Sure, we're inexperienced, and that will hurt," says Coach Doris Casteneda, "but the girls look ready to do well."

Sophomore Kathy Fox is the only returner from last season's squad. She is expected to be the number one seeded player.

Freshmen on the squad include Louise Fischer from Grant High, Bobbi Bleak from L.A. Baptist, Brenda Griffin (Sylmar), Alice Hoffman (Village Christian), Debbie Manson (Pacific Hills), Mandy Pinkham (Poly), and Joyce Simpson (La Canada).

Rounding out the team are freshmen Angie Walden (Grant), Karen Wilson (Grant), Irene Young (L.A. Baptist), and Ann Zidarevich (from Michigan).

"We also expect Fischer, Bleak, and Walden to do well, in addition to Fox," said Casteneda. "All of the players have good potential, though."

Last year's contingent finished third in the Metropolitan Conference, behind Pierce's State Champions.

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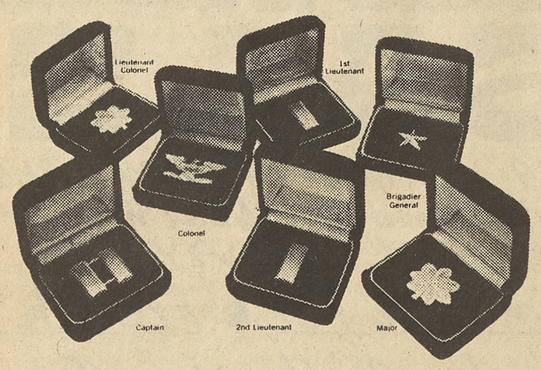

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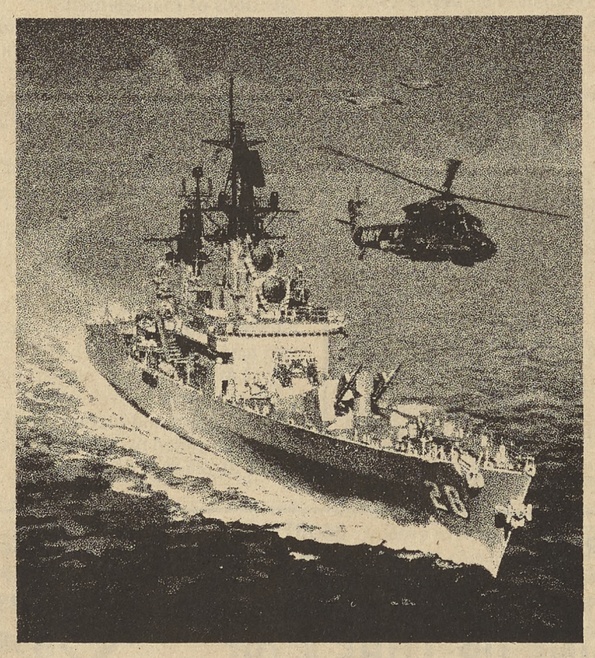

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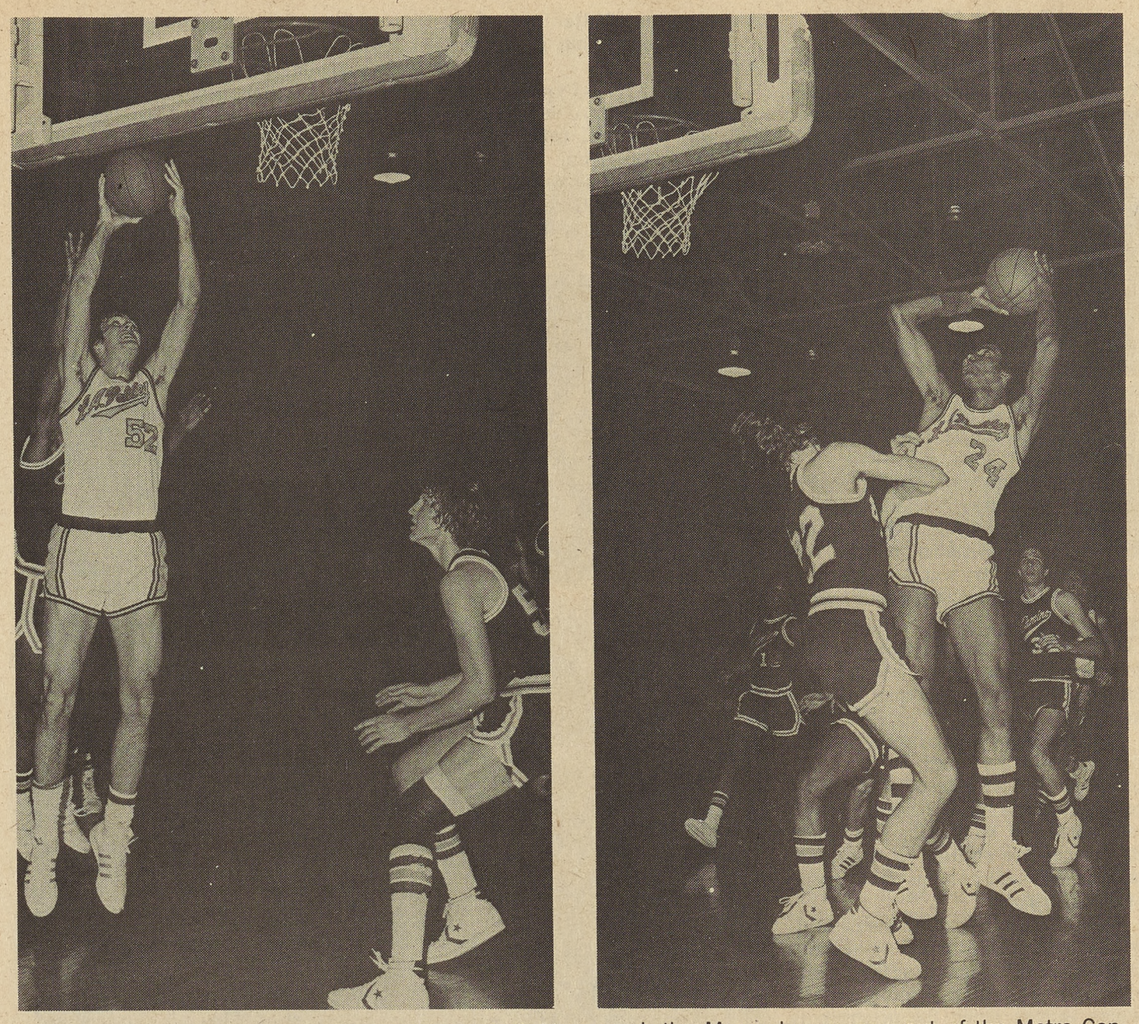


REACH FOR IT—Valley center John McDonough (left) and forward Lonnie Buckner (right) reach for the basket in last week's overtime loss to El Camino. With a 4-6 record, the Monarchs are now out of the Metro Conference race.

Valley Star Photo by Craig Molenhouse

By TONI DRAKE
Assoc. Sports Editor

Mired in a slump, Valley's hoopsters just couldn't bust out as cross-town rival Pierce defeated the Monarchs in overtime, 65-61 Feb. 11. The loss was the Monarch's fourth-in-a-row.

Valley made it possible for Pierce to take a six point lead within the first four minutes of the game. However, the Monarchs did come back and kept it close until the Brahmas executed a four corner delay game with only 10 minutes left in the half.

As the half buzzer sounded, Pierce was ahead by 10. Valley's locker room talk was anything but jubilant, but it seemed to have some effect, as the Monarchs fought well in the second half.

Playing up to his potential, Lonnie Buckner finished the evening with 20 points and 12 rebounds. Not far behind with 18 points was Dave Camp, John McDonough had 17, and Kenny Burns got six.

The four Monarch talents were the only ones to bring forth the 61 points against Pierce. Unfortunately, it wasn't enough despite the tremendous effort.

Valley took some hard knocks Tuesday evening, as Pasadena College crushed the Monarchs, 59-49.

"This is the first league game in which we haven't led in conference for free-throws. To put a damper on things, five of our players were out due to illness," stated Coach Jim Stephens. "It was just one of those things."

Going into halftime, the Monarchs led by a close 31-30 margin. The ball game remained quite close throughout the second half with the exception of the last six minutes.

Buckner put on a great show, as he racked up 25 points and 11 rebounds. Scott Shepley finished with 10 and four assists, while McDonough and Rick Bannister contributed eight and three, respectively.

It can now be said that Valley is definitely out of the Metro race, as they dive to a disappointing 4-7 season record.

Tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m., Kennedy High School will be the site of this basketball game, as Valley battles it out with spirited Mission.

VC Icemen Off and Winging As Hockey Team Glides to 4-0

By RAY RICHMOND
Sports Editor

Off and winging with a perfect 4-0 record, Valley's new ice hockey team will try to keep their tremendous play going next week when they oppose UC Irvine, Ambassador College, and Cal State Northridge.

The icemen play Irvine's A team Sunday at Laurel Plaza at 9:45 p.m. They then travel to Pasadena for a 10:15 p.m. match against Ambassador Monday, before moving on the next night to Pickwick to take on Cal State Northridge's B team. Starting time is tentative.

Over the past two weeks, Valley's hockey men have, remarkably, dominated their games. Despite having very little time to practice together, the team has performed sensationally.

The team was formed only about six weeks ago, but their outstanding play has more than compensated for any problems a lack of time together may have caused.

"We're just going to keep improving," says Coach Gerry Feher. "As long as we do everything as a team, scoring and winning will take care of themselves."

Feb. 6 is the day the streak began, in the team's first exhibition game (unfortunately, Valley's games don't count in the standings yet). It was against UC Irvine's B team, who shouldn't really be competing against other college teams.

Valley smashed Irvine, 19-0, but the game wasn't that close. The Monarchs had 96 shots on goal, an unheard of figure in competitive hockey.

Scoring for the Monarchs were left wing Dave Cooklin with five goals, Steve Gale with three, defenseman Chris Gardas with three, and center Wayne Boyer, left wing James Bond, and center Pete Gillis with two each.

Right wing Glen David and center Bob Symons added one apiece.

Against tougher competition Feb. 7, Valley upended Occidental College, 7-3. The Monarchs fired 46 shots on goal in keeping the action heavy.

Gillis led the assault with two goals. Symons, Gale, Captain and left wing Jerry Horner, Bond, and defenseman David Springer each pocketed a goal for the winners from VC.

In their toughest game to date, the Monarchs skated past a talented USC Trojan team, 4-2, on Feb. 9. Scoring came on two goals by Gale, and one each from Boyer and Gardas.

Last Sunday at Laurel Plaza, the Monarchs discovered that they definitely were for real as they trounced an excellent Pierce hockey squad, 13-3. Pierce had a 7-1 record going in.

Symons led the onslaught by scoring four goals. Gale and Gillis had three each, right wing Glen David netted two, and defenseman Randy Blue one.

Other members of the Valley contingent are goalies Mike Camasso (starter) and Gary Johnson, and defensemen Marty Cooper and Marty Joseph.

"What we need now is to get some fans out to the games," said Coach Feher. "If we can round up a decent following, it will make all the difference in the world."

Sports Menu

(for week of Feb. 17-23)

WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS—Feb. 18, Valley at Pierce, 3:30 p.m.
WRESTLING—Feb. 18, Metro Tournament at Valley, all day.
WOMEN'S SOFTBALL—Feb. 23, Valley at Mt. SAC, 3:30 p.m.
BASEBALL—Feb. 17-19, Ventura-Santa Barbara Tournament at Santa Barbara, all day; Feb. 22, Valley at San Bernardino, 2 p.m.
COED BADMINTON—Feb. 17, Valley at Santa Monica, 3:30 p.m. Feb. 22, East L.A. at Valley, 3:30 p.m.
BASKETBALL—Feb. 18, Valley at Mission, 7:30 p.m.; Feb. 22, Bakersfield at Valley, 7:30 p.m.
WOMEN'S TENNIS—Feb. 22, Valley at Pierce, 2 p.m.
HOCKEY—Feb. 20, Valley vs. UC Irvine A team at Laurel Plaza, 9:45 p.m.; Feb. 21, Valley vs. Ambassador College at Pasadena, 10:15 p.m.; Feb. 22, Valley vs. Cal State Northridge B team at Pickwick, TBA
MEN'S GYMNASTICS—Feb. 17, Community College Invitational at Long Beach, 7:30 p.m.
MEN'S TENNIS—Feb. 17, LACC at Valley, 2 p.m.; Feb. 18, Santa Ana at Valley, 2 p.m.; Feb. 22, Valley at Long Beach, 2:30 p.m.
TRACK—Feb. 18, Pierce at Valley, 2 p.m.
MEN'S VOLLEYBALL—Feb. 18, Valley at San Bernardino Valley, 8 p.m.; Feb. 22, Valley at Santa Monica, 6 p.m.
INTRAMURALS—Anyone interested in forming or playing on a softball team contact Coach Steve Butler in the Men's Gym. All students are welcome to compete. League games start Feb. 24.

HELL'S FIRE QUENCHED

VC Tumblers Exorcise Diablos

Pleasant Hill was the site of a Monarch victory, as the men's gymnastics team vaulted over Diablo Valley College, 109.37 to 130.38 last Friday.

"I was very happy with the performance of the team. The guys pulled together for a real team effort," stated Coach Gary Honjio.

Valley was a success in every event except for the pommel horse, in which they lost by only three points.

On the pommel horse, Diablo outscored Valley 15.90 to 12.95; still, Valley retained a slim lead due to the performances of Chuck Cordova, Jeff Sporken, and Phillip Allen.

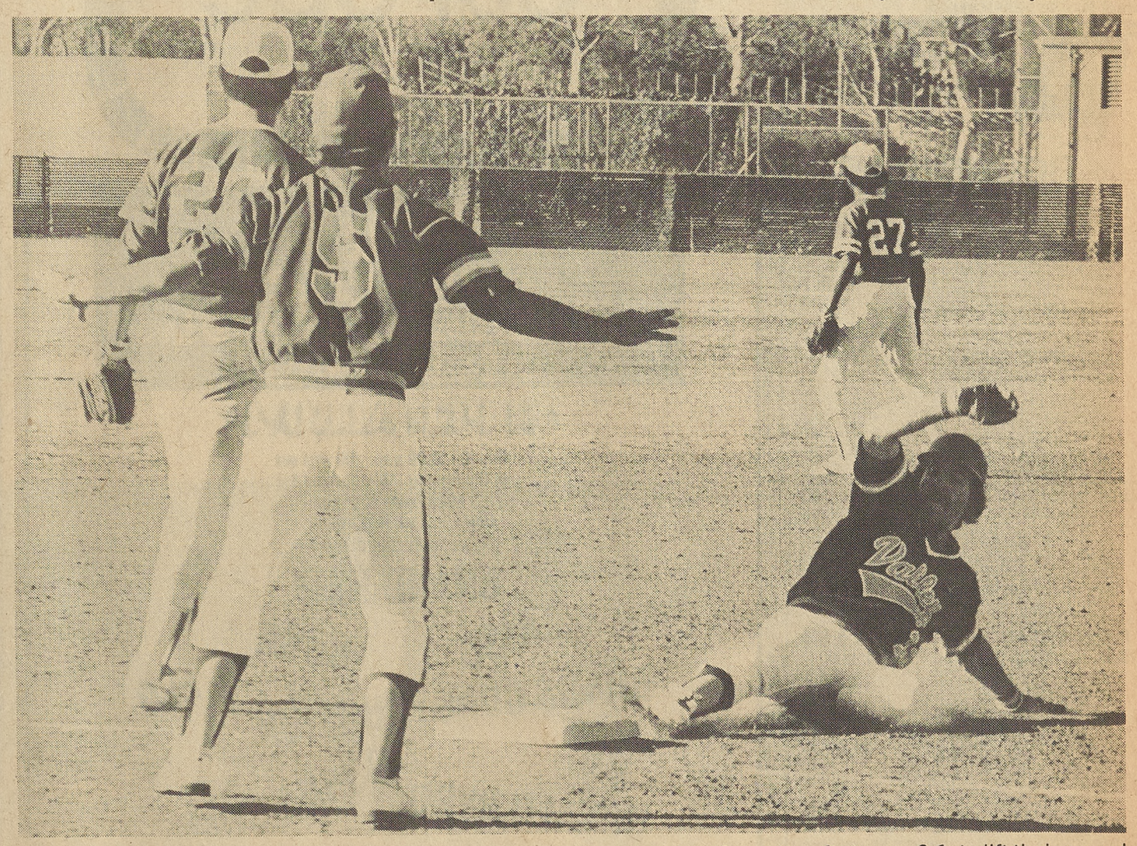
The Monarchs jumped to an early lead in the Free exercise due to the performances of Ron Freeman 8.05, Robert Aguilar 7.4, Joe Manzo 7.25, Cordova 7.15, and Chris Ige 6.9. This gave Valley a clean sweep of the first five places.

The rings event proved to be Valley's strongest as Dave Rasnick led the scoring drive with 8.10, followed by Wallace Iwata 8.45, Jorge Medina 8.15, Lance Sands 7.9, Cordova 7.2, and Allen 6.65. They outscored Diablo's ring team by 10 points.

Ron Freeman led the vaulting team with an excellent 8.75 score, on a cartwheel-back sommersault. Eric Abel came through with a nice handspring vault at 8.15. Sporken made his debut in this event by scoring a 7.45. Robert Aguilar and Cordova scored 7.55 and 7.65 respectively.

Parallel Bars proved to be a surprise as Rasnick 6.5 and Medina 6.45 came through with great performances. Abel and Cordova rounded out a fine performance in this event.

Tony Garza won the high bar event at 8.05. Cordova won the all-around with a score of 37.65, followed by Diablo Valley's, Neil Halliday at 37.30.



YOUR'E SAFE!—Valley player Ken Marcellino slides safely into third base as Coach Jerry Renfro (5) signals. Marcellino was the star as the Monarchs defeated Compton last Saturday afternoon, 2-1, to lift their record to 1-1. They compete in the Santa Barbara-Ventura Tournament today, tomorrow, and Saturday.

Valley Star Photo by Scott Mitchell

Valley Swimmers Stroke Into Third Place Finish

By STEVE ISAAC
Staff Writer

Taking into consideration the amazing number of freshmen the Monarch Swim team is fielding and the tremendous amount of talent the Metro Conference houses, the 1977 version of the Valley College Swim Team walked away with a more than respectable tie for third place in the annual Metro Conference Relays last week at East L.A. College.

Coming into the relays, perennial powerhouse Pasadena was favored to run away with the meet, and that they did.

But before the meet was over, Valley showed Pasadena and the rest of the league that they are going to be a team to be reckoned with this year.

Valley's strongest finish of the day was a second in the 400 breaststroke. Ed Bushman, Steve Wolvek, Lance Keene and John Quinn were the four strokers who paced Valley to a speedy time of 4:04.

The Monarchs also copped three thirds during the day.

The first coming in the 400 fly relay, then in the 800 free style relay and finally the 400 breaststroke relay.

The locals also had a surprisingly fast time of 3:52.2 in the medley relay, but it was only good enough for a fourth place.

Other standouts for the Monarchs throughout the afternoon were sophomores Jerry Updegraft, Brad Magit and the freshman sensation from Birmingham High Jim Jackman.

All three mentioned above along with Quinn qualified for the state meet to be held at the end of the season.

When asked to put the Valley performance into a capsule, first year head coach Steve Contarsy was pleased with the over-all times of the Monarch relayers, and is really looking forward to the upcoming 1977 Metro swim season.

Final scoring: Pasadena 128, Bakersfield 80, VALLEY 70, Long Beach 70, Pierce 42, East L.A. 28, El Camino 20.

Athletes Cry 'Fowl'; Bird Whacking Season Opens

Question—Why do non-violent people whack innocent birds over nets with minature tennis rackets?

Answer—Because they like to play badminton, as the coed squad from Valley will demonstrate tomorrow when they open their 1977 season in Santa Monica at 3:30 p.m.

The birds aren't the animal, but the rubber and mesh type. The game is similar to both volleyball and tennis; however, it is different from both.

"We have lots of potential and promise," assures first-year, baby-faced Coach Margie Gonzalez. "It's hard to say how well we'll do, but we'll be competitive."

Only one performer from last season's squad is back this year, he being Ross Kotzen from Grant High. Other sophomores are Cindy Roveno (North Hollywood High), and Heidi Lennartz (Crescenta Valley).

Freshman squad members include two athletes from Hong Kong (Louisa Chan and Edmund Hung), and two from San Fernando High (Norma Henkel and Elsie Rodriguez).

Other competing members will be Karyn Merklin (Culver City), Frances Hessekiel (Poly), Joe Reding (Alemany), and Peter Kisbye (from Denmark). They are all freshmen.

Coach Gonzalez has had superior training for her new job. A 1974 graduate of Long Beach State, she taught at Pacifica High in Garden Grove, coaching with the number one woman badminton player in the United States, Judy Kelly.

The 25-year-old Gonzalez (who looks 16) has also been a better-than-average B player in badminton herself for the last seven years.

Sports Shorts . . .

Grapplers Lose Their Grip

Valley's matmen ended their season in defeat, as crosstown rival, Pierce crushed them 45-10 last Thursday.

Digby Sharp, who won by a fall, was the main man as he produced the team's 10 points, while Ken Davis won on points.

Louie Barragan, with the Metro, Regionals, and the State Tournaments to look forward to, has broken most of the wrestling records at Valley—some of which he set last year.

Wrestling will be the big event all day tomorrow, as Valley hosts the Metro Tournament which will be held in the Men's Gym.

Volleyers Spike Hard .. and Win

With a strong arm and a healthy attitude, Valley's volleyballers defeated Santa Barbara and San Bernardino Valley Colleges last week.

The Monarchs crushed Santa Barbara, 15-12, 15-12, and 15-7, but it didn't end there. They also upset San Bernardino Valley, 15-7, 15-13, and 15-13.

Top Valley performances came from Mike McClain, Chet Page, Steve White, Hons Vosse, Gary Hughes, and Bruce Kummel.

Valley will travel to San Bernardino Valley tomorrow for an 8 p.m. match.

Raqueteers Settle for Tie

In a closely fought match with Ventura, Valley's tennis team was forced to settle for a tie, as darkness closed in on the final match last week.

Bill Denton and Dan Genereaux had split sets with their third doubles team when the contest was called. The final score, 4-4.

Later in the week, the squad traveled to Santa Barbara and lost 7-2. Today at 2 p.m. Valley will host Los Angeles City College for an exhibition match.

Lions Bat Compton Home

Valley's baseballers evened their record at 1-1 Saturday, with a hard fought battle over Compton College, 2-1.

Freshman Mario Nunez had a no hitter for seven innings, and hurled a three hitter with a game high 11 strikeouts for the winners. Nunez received all the help he needed in the bottom of the seventh. With only one out, Ken Marcellino drove home Murphy Sua from second, then left fielder Al Cone doubled him home.

The two runs stood up, as Compton scored its only run on a walk and a double in the eighth inning.

Valley opened the season against College of the Canyons last Thursday, losing 6-1.

Valley will compete today, Friday, and Saturday in the Santa Barbara-Ventura tournament.

Gymnasts Fall Short

In a double-dual meet against Golden West and Grossmont, Valley's female gymnasts took second with 105.6 Feb. 9.

Grossmont walked away with first with 117 points, while Golden West took third with 97.0.

Valley's great Judy Toffel grasped All-Around with a score of 30.8. Other outstanding performance came from Laura Koehler, Andrea Novell, Jeri Barton, Robin Berns, and Lisa Blough.

This gives the gymnasts 3-5 overall record. Valley will travel to Pierce College tomorrow for a 3:30 p.m. match.

S. Stallone Self-Famed As 'Rocky'

By RICHARD GREEN
News Editor

"Rocky," the Cinderella like story of a down and out boxer, was well done, but far fetched.

The fight scenes are moving and the depiction of the disheartening lives led by poverty dwelling boxers is truly graphic and telling.

However, as artistically sound as the movie is, its major shortcoming involves the simplistic nature of the story line.

One is reminded of a low budget Disney movie in the 20 minute section of "Rocky" when the main character, the Italian Stallion, is transformed from a ring bum into a championship contender.

Despite this section of the movie, the outstanding acting of Talia Shire and Sylvestor Stallone makes "Rocky" very entertaining.

Anyone who sees the movie will not soon forget the Italian Stallion using sides of beef as punching bags or the vicious ring scenes. In fact during the filming of the movie, Sylvester Stallone broke three ribs after taking some hard body punches.

In contrast to the graphic ring scenes, Talia Shire gives an excellent performance in portraying the transition of an extremely shy and self-conscious girl into a self-sufficient woman.

Although it may be true that in real life very few slum dwellers and low income individuals ever gain the opportunity to improve their living conditions, Sylvestor Stallone epitomizes the exception to the rule.

Before he wrote the screenplay and starred himself in the title role, Stallone was virtually without money or artistic reputation. The fact that he has evolved into a recognized actor and a highly regarded screenwriter overnight, makes rags to riches stories believable.

"PAINTED DESERT"—Photo-etching by Valley instructor Stephen Oderkirt will be on display today only from 10-3 p.m. and 6:45-9 p.m. in the Art Gallery. Other artists are John Martineau and Richard Molander.

Valley Star Photo by Diane Smith

TV Hopefuls Can't Do It Alone; Agencies a Must

By DARYLL L. GOINS
Assoc. Fine Arts Editor

Lights! Camera! Action! are three exciting words to the aspiring television actor, but is it really important to be represented by an agency to perform in the elusive television world?

According to Valerie Cragin, an agent with the Flaire Agency which represents talent for T.V. commercials and modeling, agency representation is an absolute necessity for an actor.

"The benefits of signing with an agency means better contacts and legitimate jobs," said Cragin.

Many producers and casting people will not begin to consider you for a part they're casting if you don't have representation.

"The reason for this," says agent Nina Blanchard of the Nina Blanchard Agency, "is because there are thousands of people who are interested in acting. So, instead of having to deal with all those people to find the ones they want, the producer or casting person simply calls the agents."

With these benefits in mind, one might wonder if there is any fee to pay in advance when signing with an agency.

"There is no registration fee," said Cragin, "but the agency takes 10 percent of the clients earnings."

Cragin also added that to be accepted by an agency, one of the most important factors is to have a presentable portfolio of 11x14 photos. It also helps if one is photogenic.

"One must be careful of who they select to represent them," said Cragin.

"There are several agencies in L.A. who haven't obtained a license, which means that it's not a legitimate agency."

To be sure that one selects the proper agency to represent them, Cragin suggests writing to the Screen Actors Guild and request a list.

Next Week: Advancing your Singing Career.

L.A. District Awards Valley Music Majors Scholarships

By PAUL SOLOMAN
Staff Writer

Because of a unique L.A. Community College District program, 32 Valley College music majors have been awarded scholarships of $150 each.

Scholarships are being funded by New Dimensions, a branch of the College District dedicated to furthering non-traditional activities and classes. Grants have been given to all L.A. Community Colleges based on the size of their music departments.

Theodore Lynn, associate professor of music, is in charge of overseeing the program at Valley College. With the assistance of the music faculty, Lynn was responsible for choosing the instructors who will be participating in the program.

"We'll have an applied music staff if the program works," said Lynn.

"I'm making a file of names, addresses, and telephone numbers of teachers. We'll try out a variety and decide on the best. Right now it's all up in limbo."

"There are many exceptional performers in this area, but we are looking for the ones who work best with students," he said.

Students were singled out by faculty recommendation and will study privately with a top instructor in their particular area of interest; instrumental, vocal, or composing-arranging. Recipients are entitled to 15 private lessons taken off campus at the home of the instructor.

This trial program, if successful, will be continued in future semesters. Directed toward upgrading the quality of music education offered at the junior college level, the program is looked upon enthusiastically by students and teachers alike.

Glenn Thilman, awarded a scholarship on the trombone, will be studying with Roy Main, one of L.A.'s finest trombone performers.

"Personally, because I'm now able to take lessons, it's going to help me immensely," said Thilman. "Previously I couldn't afford lessons, and now I'm going to be able to take lessons from one of the top professional teachers on my instrument. I can't thank the music department enough for giving me this opportunity."

One of the obvious advantages of the scholarship program is that it will help recruit incoming freshmen who might otherwise go to 4-year state colleges and universities, many of which already have "applied music" programs.

According to Richard Carlson, chairman of the Music Department, the "greatest criticism of community colleges by 4-year colleges is the lack of performance ability. They claim that we prepare better in music theory and other areas, but generally lack performance."

"For the 13 years I've been here, and even before that, we've screamed for it," said Carlson, referring to the scholarship program.

"We now feel that we have more to offer freshmen," Carlson continued. "He won't get lost in the competition with juniors, seniors, and grad students for performing groups. (With the new program) we will truly have equal educational opportunities."

Along with the scholarships, a unit of credit is given, and students are required to participate in a performance workshop sometime during the semester. These performances are open to the public and will be held each Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Music 106 beginning March 8.

"FIDDLER" REHEARSAL—Actors David Siemsen, Mendel; Mark Tombazian, Mordcha; and Martin Christopher, Tevye (L to R) rehearse for March Production of "Fiddler on The Roof."

Valley Star Photo by Piper Reagh Heisig

'Fiddler on the Roof' To Debut

"Fiddler on The Roof," one of the best-known musical comedies is set to begin March 10 in the Little Theater.

With a 1905-Russian village setting, "Fiddler" is centered on Tevye, a dairyman whose life is composed of poverty, a sharp-tongued wife, five unmarried daughters, and a horse who complains of a sore leg.

Starring professional actor Martin Christopher as Tevye, this Theater Arts production assumes nightly rehearsal until next month's opening.

Tickets for the show are $3. for adults, $2. for high school students, and free to those with paid I.D. There will be special performances on March 9 and 16 for Gold Card holders.

For reservations call ext. 318 or 319.

Valley's Fine Arts

History Film

"The Shadow Catchers," a 90-minute film portraying the work of famous Indian artist Edward Sheriff Curtis, will be shown Monday Feb. 21 at 7:30 p.m. in Monarch Hall. Admission is free.

Italian Film

Tonight the Italian Club presents a film series in Monarch Hall at 8 p.m.

Art Exhibit

A special art exhibit featuring the work of John W. Howarth, a 19-year-old Valley art major is being conducted through February in the hall show cases of the Art Building.

Piano Concert

Dr. Robert Chauls will present a piano concert next Thursday, Feb. 24, at 11 a.m. in Monarch Hall. Admission is free.

Planetarium

"Crossing the New Ocean" is the planetarium lecture show tomorrow night, Feb. 18 at 7:30 p.m. This free lecture will be by Stephen Fentress.

Women Artists

Women artists and musicians are needed to participate in the Women's Week Celebration during the week of March 7-11. For further information phone ext. 264 or come to the S.-H.E. Center.

Comedy Fling

Audition applications are available for comedy minded students who wish to perform in "The Spring Fling Comedy Review," to be presented Feb. 24, at 7:30 p.m. Students interested in the production, sponsored by the newly formed club, SPIRIT, can pick up forms in CC100, with try-outs scheduled for Feb. 17 and 18.

COUNTRY MUSIC

Brian Mark and the Marksman Country Music concert will be held Wednesday, March 9, at 8 p.m. in Monarch Hall.

This spectacular is being presented to raise funds for the specially designed Mini-Pool for the handicapped.

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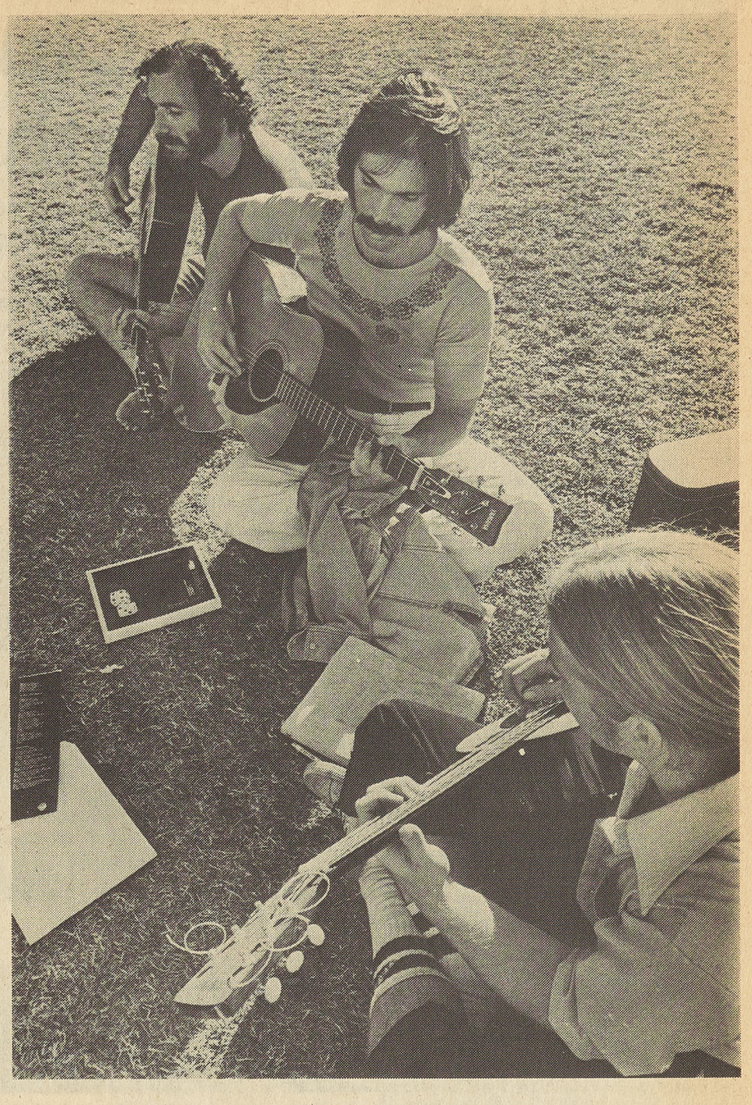

Gregarious Multitudes Meet Under Blue Skies

There is a grassy area in the middle of the campus in which students find refuge from the hectic pace of the student life. This area is known as the Free Speech Area, although everything from speakers giving dissertations on the nature of life to the harmonic chords of aspiring musicians can be heard on a typical day.

When one visits this refuge-for-the-weary-student, it becomes apparent that most of these refugees from scholastic rigors are sprawled in various states of reclining positions. However, a closer look reveals that all is not as it seems.

The blond haired girl in the hot pants, although seemingly resting, is keeping a close eye on the bearded guitar player in the Levi jacket. Meanwhile, other classroom refugees are keeping an active eye on potential acquaintances of the opposite sex.

While this daily human courting ritual is filling the air with emotions of endearment, another vehicle of the airstream can be noticed. No, it is not the sweet-sour aroma of peculiar smoke, it is the green frisbee that is gaining velocity after leaving the hand of an athletic shirtless young man. The object floats with such ease that the earthly force of gravity seems to no longer have any relevance.

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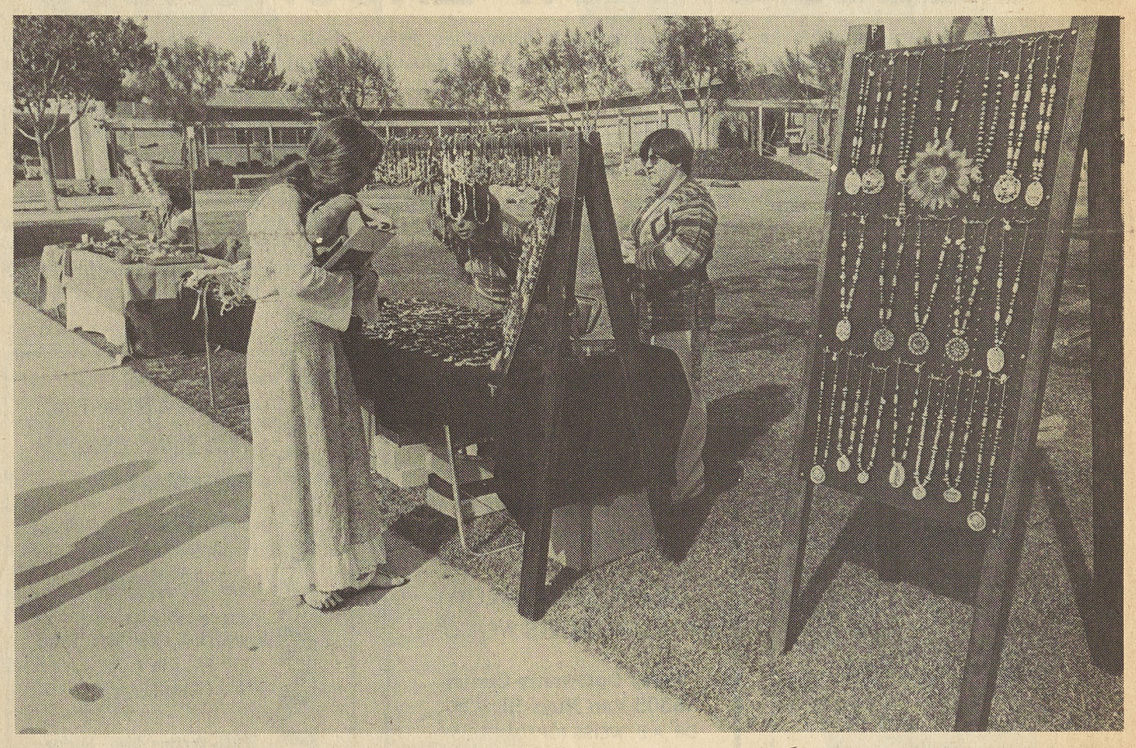

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Students Flee to Grassy Refuge

On any clear and sunny day (or overcast and dreary, for those who are of the mind) it is not difficult to find the one spot on Valley College's campus where people tend to gather.

Musicians, jugglers, kite fanciers, nappers, lovers, and studiers are all drawn toward the magnetic attraction of the Free Speech Area.

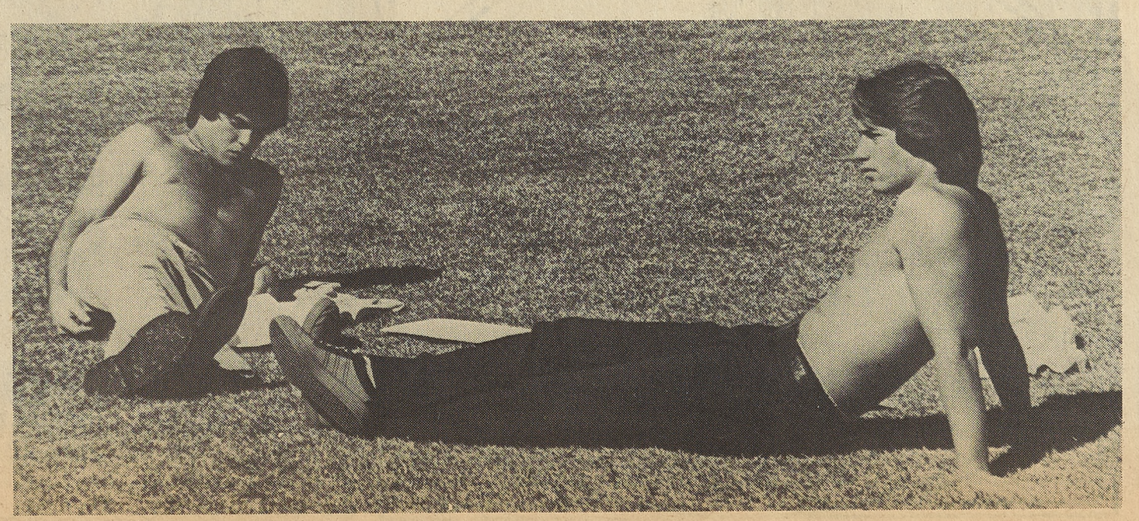
It is not uncommon to see people playing fetch with the family dog, (inspite of the fact that K-9s are forbidden on campus), or sitting quietly under the shade of a spreading oak, if such trees exist on campus, deeply engrossed in the thoughts of Plato or Phillip Roth.

Artisans come to sell their wares, and students oft times come for the purpose of finding just the right thing for a spouse or friend's birthday.

The craft of others is much less tangible, as the notes from guitar and banjo pickers are ever present, drawing the biggest crowds of listeners, content to revel in the musical fog, and singers who can't sit still without lending their voice to the tumult.

For those inclined toward quite moments, there is plenty of wide open space, never, or at least, not very often touched by man. Trees are plentiful, providing a meditative atmosphere for those who are more etherial.

All in all, the Free Speech area is a place for everyone. At one time or another, almost everyone has been there, and, at one time or another, almost everyone will find himself back there.



New Campus Club at Valley Aimed At Turning Apathy Into 'SPIRIT'

By ARCHIE CAMPBELL
Staff Writer

"This campus is plagued with a disease called apathy," exclaimed Jeff Sloane, AS vice-president.

But if a newly formed club with Nelson Tucker at the helm has its way—apathy will soon be spelled "Spirit."

Spirit has already generated quite a bit of excitement at Valley with 100 members signing up in the first two weeks of the semester.

"It's wonderful how many people are working to get this club together," added Steve Katz, inter-organizational council (IOC) representative.

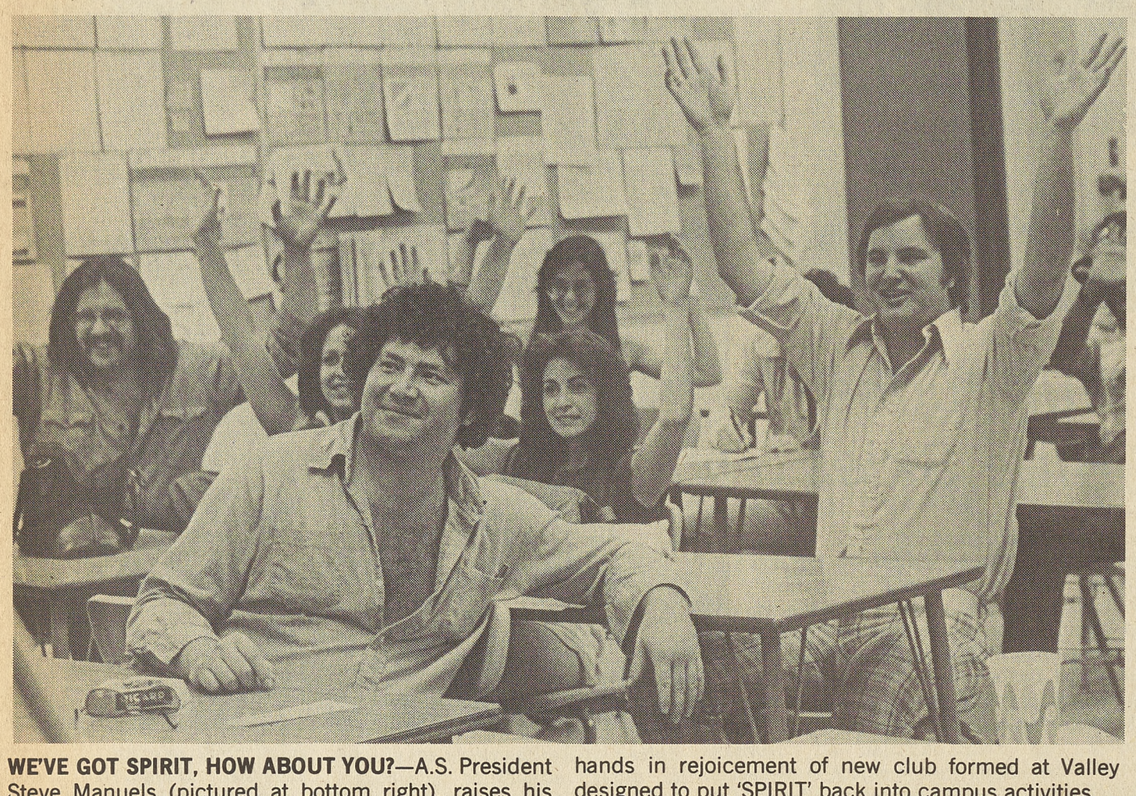
The first thing the club has planned is, "The Spring Fling Comedy Review," Feb. 24 at 7:30 p.m. in Monarch Hall. The comedy review is open to all students wishing to show their comedy skills. A paid I.D. is not required. Admission to the review and refreshments are free.

Also coming up on spirit's agenda is a medical plan which will distribute such things as aspirin and Maalox over the counter. Valley students may need the Maalox because one of the upcoming planned events will be the "World's Junior Chili Cook-off."

"We feel we are going to be 'the' club," Katz said. It will be a club for all students and their only interest need be boosting Valley College."

Spirit will be working with other clubs on the campus by giving them whatever support they need to make their activities a success. But the main thrust of Spirit's work will be encouraging students to participate and or attend the many activities that are happening on campus, such as sports, theater arts, art exhibits, music concerts and the like.

"We will put spirit back into the campus," Sloane announced. "And we will fill the football stadium, and the basketball stands, and get the people into the Theater Arts building to see the fine plays they put on. In short we are going to bring back something from the past."



WE'VE GOT SPIRIT, HOW ABOUT YOU?—A.S. President Steve Manuels (pictured at bottom right), raises his hands in rejoicement of new club formed at Valley designed to put 'SPIRIT' back into campus activities.
Valley Star Photo by Barry Slobin

Dental Services

Free oral examinations will be available to all Valley College students in the Health Care Center every Monday between noon and 1 p.m.

Roland E. Schelenz, a community dentist, will be in the Health Center giving free examinations to any student who wishes to have their teeth checked, or would just like to consult with the dentist. These 10 minute check-ups are by appointment only and must be made at the Health Center in the Administration Building, room 104.

MOVIN ON—Like the sign says the Learning Center is moving to a new location in the Campus Center Building. If all goes as planned the Learning Center will open its doors on the Tuesday after Washington's Birthday which is a holiday to all Valley students.
Valley Star Photo by Sue Long

Learning Center Moving

The Learning Center will be closed this Friday and Tuesday as it prepares to open its doors Wednesday morning at its new location in the Campus Center Building, according to Noel Korn, Learning Center coordinator.

"Furniture and boxed equipment will be moved Thursday although all facilities at the center will be available. Then Friday, everything goes. After the school holiday Monday, moving resumes Tuesday with final details hopefully completed," said Korn.

At 8:30 Wednesday morning, according to plan, the center will begin operations in the South Wing of Campus Center basement.

Veterans Office

Information regarding G.I. benefits to draft counseling can be obtained in the Veterans Office 9 a.m. to noon and 2 to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon on Friday, and from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Monday and Tuesday. The office is located in A-126.

Senior Club Forms at Valley In Hopes of New Experiences

Senior adults 60-years-old and over may expand their recreational and educational experiences through the Senior Students Club at Valley College.

The club meets on the first and third Thursdays of the month in BSc 100 at 3 p.m. with Israel Leavitt, president, and Frank Salter, membership chairman.

Their first outing will be to the J. Paul Getty Museum on March 5 at 10 a.m.

Although only 10 people showed up at the first meeting in November, in a recent meeting attendance skyrocketed to 105, according to Salter.

"We had SRO (standing room only) at the last meeting," he said.

While the club is a social affair stressing involvement, the meeting's feature speakers will discuss current topics such as rising property taxes and rents.

Refreshments are served after each

Salter, who is taking a psychology class at Valley College, believes senior citizens can gather worthwhile new experiences from the club. "I am going to school now and doing things I missed when I was younger," explained Salter.

Interested people can contact the Senior Adult Program Center on the Valley campus located in B-19. The club is just one of the many programs available to senior adults at Valley College.

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